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1. Five Soviet naval craft with the [REDACTED] put into the harbor of Sassnitz (54°31'N/13°38'E) about 7 p.m. on 1 July 1950. The craft conducted target practice with another group of six vessels off the northeastern coast of Ruegen Island between 2 and 25 July 1950. The practice included a night firing practice from 2 to 4 a.m. on 19 July 1950. The boats fired at towed targets. *
2. While the motor mine sweepers practiced, a 6,000 to 8,000-ton ship with one funnel and the foremast emerging from the bridge superstructure was observed in the roads about 2 nautical miles east of Sassnitz. The ship shifted berth several times but never put into Sassnitz harbor. The craft of the practicing motor mine sweeper group were repeatedly observed riding at anchor near the ship. **
3. High fences blocking all entrances to the east and west harbor of Sassnitz were constructed on 1 August 1950. Soviet sentries and a special harbor police did guard duty.

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4. Staff car [REDACTED] occupied by several high-ranking naval officers entered the area of the west harbor on 13 July 1950.
5. The personnel of the naval radio station at Riek on Ruegen Island (54°37'N/13°18'E) was reinforced to a strength of 40.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Some of the craft participated in exercises off the northeastern coast of Ruegen Island in April 1950. See

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[REDACTED] The boats T-374 and T-461 were observed in the area for the first time.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The ship in the Sassnitz roads may have been the former German mine-clearing vessel Waldtraut Horn which had been observed on 2 July 1950 in mine-clearing operations with motor mine-sweeper T-367 and T-464 at the wreck of the ship Maria at the position of 54°53'01"N/12°47'02"E.

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